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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3623**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi KATSURABAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3623

Application No.: 09/386,339

Examiner: E. Shaffer

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For: OPTIMUM OPERATOR SELECTION SUPPORT SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 21, 2004 final Office Action, the following is submitted:

Remarks.

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